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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged about 5° above normal. There were wide fluctuations with one very warm day early in the week followed by freezing temperatures over most of the State Thursday morning. Light to locally heavy thundershowers fell over the southeastern portion of the State Friday night. Elsewhere there was no precipitation. Several days were rather windy with additional blowing of soil.

CROPS Unfavorable weather reduced Nebraska's winter wheat crop nearly 7 million bushels between December 1 and April 1. Dry weather and high winds since April 1 have been very severe on winter wheat in southern Nebraska, particularly the southwest and central sections. Some damage is also reported in eastern Nebraska. The reports for the week ending Saturday show further deterioration. Most of the wheat area needs moisture badly.

Except for high winds, most of the week was favorable for seeding of spring small grain crops. About 70 percent of the oats have been seeded and 74 percent of the barley. The percentages of oats seeded by districts are as follows: Northwest, 30%; North-Central, 50%; Northeast, 43%; Central, 74%; East-Central, 82%; Southwest, 78%; South-Central, 82%, and Southeast, 70%. Wet, cold soil prevented seeding of oats in northeastern Nebraska until last week. Seeding of spring wheat was 81 percent completed by the close of the past week.

The growth of alfalfa and grasses has been very slow due mostly to dry weather and low temperatures. The northern half of the State generally has ample moisture but temperatures have been too low. In the southern half of the State soil is too dry and temperatures were too low for growth.

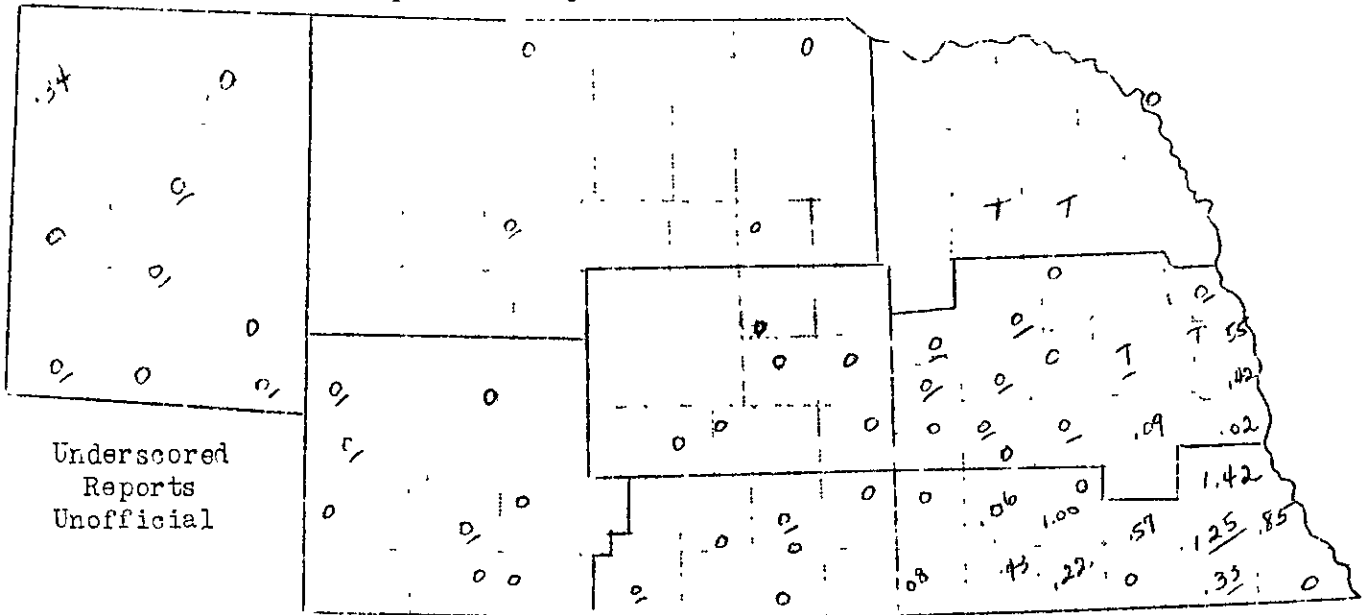
LIVESTOCK A few localities are reporting local shortages of feed but most counties have a surplus. Late feeding because of the slow growth of grass will reduce the surplus of hay and forage. Stocks of corn are somewhat above the average but stocks of oats and barley are below average.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to Nebraska country points have been very high since the first of the year. One report from the Sandhills states that a rancher lost 32 head of yearlings from a new disease that caused disintegration of the stomach and heart. Calving is well along in the range area. Interest in the pig crops continues. A March 1 report of the pig crops in some of the North Central States indicates a somewhat higher number than intentions showed last December. Nebraska shipped 810,000 hogs into California last year or slightly more than half of the total number received from all of the states.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 1954

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
Lincoln .10	Lexington 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk 0	North Platte 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha .55	Valentine 0	Sidney 0
Sioux City 0		

Precipitation Map for Week Ending April 9, 1954



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Max. for preceding 24 hours, Min. for preceding night)

		April		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	77	37	79	33	53	29	71	46	72	30	60	24	60	40		
	Scottsbluff	75	35	78	35	56	33	71	38	70	31	61	39	59	35		
	Sidney	76	32	78	35	56	27	67	33	72	32	60	37	55	36		
N-C	Burwell	82	36	85	41	58	23	61	45	78	42	63	32	63	53		
	Valentine	80	37	82	38	52	25	63	46	77	38	60	27	60	36		
NE	Norfolk	76	38	85	44	56	23	58	44	77	49	63	34	61	29		
	Sioux City	72	40	81	48	58	29	56	42	76	49	65	37	61	33		
Cen.	Grand Island	77	37	88	45	60	26	62	45	78	48	65	36	64	33		
	Lexington	83	52	87	38	63	24	64	43	80	43	65	35	61	29		
E-C	Lincoln	79	47	88	51	63	31	60	43	77	54	65	40	62	35		
	Omaha	79	44	86	52	71	30	60	44	73	54	67	36	65	39		
SW	Imperial	81	34	86	36	60	26	63	34	79	38	64	30	54	31		
	North Platte	82	32	84	40	60	26	64	44	78	41	64	34	56	29		

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